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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For President—
JAMES G. BLAINE, of Maine.
For Vice President—
JOHN A. LOGAN, of Illinois.

Republican State Convention.

A Republican State Convention to nominate candidates for State Officers and Electors for President and Vice-President of the United States and for the transaction of other business, will be held in Whittier's Opera House in the city of Detroit at 11 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, August 13th, 1884. Van Buren County will be entitled to thirteen delegates in the convention.

Republican County Convention.

The Republicans of Van Buren County will hold a delegate county convention, at Marshall's hall, in the village of Lawrence, on Friday, August 8th, 1884, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing 13 delegates to the State Convention, to be held in the city of Detroit, at 11 o'clock A. M., August 13th, 1884; also 13 delegates to Fourth Congressional District Convention, and 13 delegates to the State Senatorial Convention, hereafter to be called, and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed necessary and may properly come before the convention.

The several townships of the county will be entitled to the following representation: Almena 6, Antwerp 4, Bloomingdale 7, Bangor 11, Columbia 6, Covert 4, Decatur 9, Geneva 5, Hartford 8, Hamilton 5, Keeler 5, Lawrence 9, Paw Paw 13, Pine Grove 7, Porter 5, South Haven 9, Waverly 5. Dated July 12th, 1884.
DR. J. ANDREWS, Paw Paw, Chairman,
GEO. E. BURCK, Paw Paw, Secretary,
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O. H. BROWNING, DECATUR,
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Republican Congressional Convention.

A republican congressional convention of the Fourth District, to nominate a Representative in Congress and to appoint a congressional committee, will be held at Keeler's Hall in Three Rivers, on Friday, August 13th, 1884, at one o'clock in the afternoon. The counties of the district will be entitled to delegates as follows: Berrien, 16; Cass 10; Kalamazoo, 14; St. Joseph, 12; Van Buren, 13; FRANKLIN WELLS, Chairman,
GEO. S. CLAPP,
EMERY H. SIMPSON,
ELIAS MORRIS,
CHAS. S. DAYTON.

Paw Paw Republican Caucus.

A caucus of the republican electors of the township of Paw Paw, will be held at the Court House on Saturday, August 24, 1884, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of selecting twelve delegates to attend the Republican County Convention to be held at Lawrence, on Friday, August 8th, 1884, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the caucus. By order of
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Almena Republican Caucus.

A caucus of the republican electors of the township of Almena, will be held at the village of Almena, on Saturday, the second day of August, 1884, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing four delegates to the republican county convention at Lawrence, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the caucus. By order of
REP. TWP. COMMITTEE.

Antwerp Republican Caucus.

A caucus of the electors of the township of Antwerp will be held at Sattawan, on Tuesday, August 5th, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the republican county convention, to be held at Lawrence, on Friday, August 8th, 1884, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the caucus. By order of
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Waverly Republican Caucus.

A caucus of the republican electors of the township of Waverly will be held at the Glendale school house, on Saturday, the second day of August, at six o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing five delegates to the republican county convention to be held at Lawrence on Friday, August 8th, 1884, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the caucus. By order of
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Porter Republican Caucus.

A republican caucus will be held in Porter, at the Town hall on Tuesday, August 5th, 1884, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing five delegates to the republican county convention to be held at Lawrence on Friday, August 8th, 1884. By order of
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Lawrence Republican Caucus.

A caucus of the republican electors of the township of Lawrence, will be held at Marshall's hall on Saturday, August 24, 1884, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of selecting eight delegates to attend the republican county convention to be held at this village, on Friday, August 8th, 1884, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the caucus. By order of
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Now keep your ears wide open that you may catch the first thrilling notes of Gen. Butler's "inspiring bugle call."

If what is alleged against the moral character of candidate Cleveland is true, it is a disgrace to the great commonwealth of New York that he should occupy the seat of its chief executive officer, and it would be a still greater disgrace to the Nation to have him elected to the Presidential office.

Some of the greenback organs are patting themselves on the back because they have an ex-confederate general on their ticket. Most good citizens would rather vote for a man who fought to save his country, as Logan did, than for one who fought to destroy it, as West did.

If reports are true, those who said Gov. Cleveland had no past record made a grave mistake. He seems to have made a record for himself that is rather rank for a man who claims to be a great reformer. Perhaps he intends to act on the principle that reform, like charity, should begin at home.

"Greenbackers and other political tramps" is the way that democratic statesman, congressman Frank Hurd of Toledo, puts it. And yet, strange as it may appear, many Michigan democrats want to fuse with these self same tramps. Shouldn't wonder, however, if the tramps should refuse to refuse.

George William Curtis and his little crowd of independents, announce that they support men, not measures, and that the issues in the present campaign are moral, rather than political. In view of recent developments it looks a little inconsistent to see them supporting Cleveland on high moral grounds.

"God help you, for I cannot," said Gen. Butler to the democratic convention. How is it that the old man could pray for Divine help for a cause that he himself repudiated, or did he mean to intimate that none but Deity or Butler had the power to draw the democratic party out of "the horrible pit of miry clay" into which it had plunged itself?

The prohibitionists have nominated ex-governor St. John of Kansas, as their candidate for President. If he shall prove as successful in dissipating votes, as when he was a republican, the party that placed him in nomination will soon disappear. 11,000 votes a year is what he cost the republicans of Kansas during the time he was Governor of that state.

Would those over nice prohibitionists who, in their platform, condemn Gen. Logan for suggesting that the revenue for liquors be devoted to educational purposes, refuse a donation from a liquor dealer in aid of the church or of any charitable institution? We guess not; we never heard of such an instance. If that is all the fault they can find with Logan's position on the whiskey question, he will not lose the support or respect of candid temperance men, to any great extent.

Gen. Logan's letter of acceptance, while not as brilliant as that of Mr. Blaine, is strong and vigorous, and worthy of the bluff old soldier who wrote it. His language is plain and unmistakable, and shows him to be in full and complete accord with the party, especially upon the great and overshadowing issue of the campaign, the tariff. Protection to American labor and American industries is boldly advocated both in the platform of the republican party and by each of its standard bearers.

The prohibition party declare, in their platform, "that the collection of revenue from alcoholic liquors and tobacco should be abolished." That looks very much as though they would rather have free whiskey, unless they can have enforced temperance by means of prohibition. The reform desired must come in their own way or not at all. They will have the whole hog or nothing. As long as we have no prohibition, most men would prefer to see our revenue raised by a tax on whiskey than by a tax on bread, and who but a half crazy fanatic would not prefer a tax on tobacco, to a tax on corn or cotton? Temperance is a good thing, total abstinence is a good thing, and the best men of the nation, the moral men, would rejoice to see the time when no liquor should be used as a beverage, but it is more than doubtful if that result can ever be achieved through the efforts of the prohibition party.

The New York *Sun* (democratic) says Blaine is making the tariff the prominent issue of the campaign, and that influential democrats are anxious to gratify him in this matter. "Should they succeed in this," says the *Sun*, "in our judgment the result would be deplorable. If Col. Morrison had been allowed to have his way, and had presented a respectable, undisguised free-trade platform, the party would have been beaten upon it all the same, but that question would have been settled, and then the country could have turned to other and more necessary things. But defeat upon a disputed and inferential platform has just the same mischief as a defeat upon Col. Morrison's platform, without any of the benefits." It would seem, therefore, that, in the judgment of the *Sun*, the democrats are predestined to defeat in any event, and that the party will stand all the worse in the eyes of the American people, on account of its blundering, straddling tariff plank in its platform. This is not republican testimony, but the candid opinion of the leading democratic journal in New York.

During the past week the American people have been shocked by the publication of charges against the character of Grover Cleveland, which, if true, not only show him to be an unfit man for the Presidency, but should place him beneath the contempt of all good citizens. The charges are, in brief, that he is a libertine and a debauchee, a drunkard and a seducer, that he is the father of an illegitimate child, now living in the city of Buffalo, whose mother he ruined, and whom he afterwards without process of law caused to be placed in an insane asylum, although not insane, and whom he deprived of her child in a most heartless and outrageous manner. The charges are made with great particularity, and their truth vouched for by prominent clergymen and other citizens. If true, Mr. Cleveland is a villain, who ought to be behind prison bars, instead of in the Governor's chair. If false, those who make and publish the accusations should be dealt with by the strong arm of the law, and made to feel that the character of an American citizen cannot be so foully aspersed with impunity.

A Specimen Democratic Gain.

A. J. Aldrich of the Coldwater Republican, read a very able paper before the Michigan Press association at its recent meeting, on "The Relation of Newspapers to Politics." The relation of his newspaper to politics just at present will not please republican politicians. Having concluded that Cleveland and Hendricks are much preferable to Blaine and Logan as candidates, it has spurned the banner of the plumed knight, and hoisted that of Cleveland and reform.—*Paw Paw Free Press and Courier*.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Aldrich, in which he says there is no truth whatever in the above statement. He writes: "The Republican is a republican paper, and expects to support Blaine and Logan, until they are elected in November next."

The above is, no doubt, a fair specimen of a great many of the democratic gains from the republican ranks. They exist only in the imagination of those with whom the wish is father to the thought.

That Fraud.

Nearly eight years have elapsed since it was determined by the electoral commission, that Rutherford B. Hayes was elected President of the United States, and our democratic friends have just got their indignation worked up to fever heat over what they are pleased to term "The great fraud of 1876," and they talk large about the vindication of the "old ticket" by the election of Cleveland and Hendricks.

They did not think so much about this so called fraud in 1880, when they passed contemptuously by Tilden and Hendricks and nominated Hancock and old Bill English. They had not discovered the great fraud, and the necessity of a "vindication" at that time, and now it is too late to influence the voters of this Nation by any such talk. S. J. T., 1876, fraud is wholly powerless to win votes in this year of grace. It is too old and stale and will meet with the contempt it so richly deserves.

But if there was any fraud, outside of the frauds committed in the Southern States by democratic shot-guns, rifle clubs, tissue ballots, ballot box stuffing, fraudulent counting and the like, it is the democratic, and not the republican party that is responsible and that should be held accountable therefor.

The electoral commission was a democratic scheme, for the settlement of the disputed count, and was created by democratic votes. The House, at that time, as now, was largely democratic, and an inspection of the record fully justifies the statement that the democratic party alone is responsible for the result which followed the creating of the commission.

That body, as will be remembered, consisted of five senators, three of whom, Edmunds, Frelinghuysen and Morton, were republicans, and two of whom, Thurman and Bayard, were democrats; five representatives, two of whom, Garfield and Hoar, were republicans, and the other three, Abbott, Payne and Hutton, were democrats; and five justices of the Supreme court, of whom Miller and Strong, republicans, and Clifford and Field, democrats, were designated in the bill which created the commission, and they were empowered to choose the fifth.

It was expected by the democrats that Justice David Davis, who claimed to be independent in politics, but whom they thought they had reason to believe favored Tilden and Hendricks, would be chosen as the fifth member, thus giving them a majority of the commission in favor of their candidates. But Judge Davis, having been elected by the legislature of his state, to the United States Senate, evaded the responsibility by accepting the senatorship, and resigning his justiceship, and Justice Bradley was chosen by his associates as the 15th member of the commission, and on the hearing of the matters in contest, gave the deciding vote in favor of the republican candidates, Hayes and Wheeler, and against Tilden and Hendricks.

The bill by which the commission was organized, passed the senate by a vote of 47 ayes, to 17 nays. The republican senators voted 24 ayes and 16 nays, the democratic senators voted 23 ayes and one nay, absent or not voting 9 republicans and one democrat.

In the House of Representatives the bill was passed by a vote of 191 ayes, to 86 nays. The republican vote was ayes 33, nays 68, while the democrats voted 158 ayes and 18 nays, absent or not voting, 7 republicans and 7 democrats. The vote of the two houses taken together, show that 181 democrats voted for the bill and only 19 against it, being a majority of 162 in favor of it, while the republican vote was 57 ayes and 74 nays, a majority of 27 against the bill.

Had every republican vote in the House been cast against the bill, the 158 democratic votes cast in its favor would have passed it by a majority of 49.

In view of these facts it ill becomes the democratic party to complain about the result, or to charge the republican party with fraud because the decision of the commission was adverse to the man who tried to buy his way into the presidency by the attempted purchase of republican electors, who, to their credit be it said, were proof against the temptation held out in the shape of immense sums from Uncle Sam's inexhaustible "bar'l."

That the decision of the Commission was fraudulent, the American people do not believe, but, on the other hand, they do believe that justice and equity were done, and that the frauds committed by the democracy in Louisiana, Florida and elsewhere, at the election, as well as subsequent frauds attempted to be perpetrated in behalf of the sage of Gramercy Park, notably in Oregon and South Carolina, were properly thwarted and rebuked.

It would take far more than democratic campaign haranguing to convince the people that Jas. A. Garfield, whose memory they cherish and revere, that Oliver P. Morton, whom they loved, that those eminent statesmen, Edmunds, Frelinghuysen and Hoar, of whom they are proud, or that those great jurists Miller, Strong and Bradley, whose ermine was ever free from spot or stain, would lend themselves to any political scheme or device which bore the impress of fraud, or the mark of trickery. Their very names are a sufficient refutation of the base and groundless charge.

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